fore the Hon'ble Supreme Court. The total number of employees which the Judgement of the Hon'ble CAT seeks to cover is around 2,98,320. The State-wise break up is given in the enclosed statement (*See* below)

(c) There were 19 categories of EDA employees prior to 14th December, 1987. With effect from 14th December, 1987, 10 categories of ED employees stand abolished and further recruitment to these 10 categories has been stopped. However, none of the incumbent of such posts has been discharged. They are being absorbed in other ED categories. The total number of ED employees as on 31st March, 1986, 31st March, 1987 and 31st March, 1988 was 2,99,042; 2,97,086; and 2,98,320 respectively. The break-up of these numbers in each category will be laid on the table of the House

Statement

State/Circle	No. of Employees to be covered by the Judgement of the CAT.
Andhra Pradesh	30,114
Bihar	19,809
Delhi	448
Gujarat	17,476
Haryana	4,304
Himachal Pradesh	6,060
Jammu & Kashmir	3,075
Karnataka	16,925
Kerala	12,387
Madhya Pradesh	22,981
Maharashtra	23,455
North Eastern	14,093
Orissa	18,091
Punjab	6,760
Rajasthan	16,144
Tamil Nadu	24,949
Uttar Pradesh	39,848
West Bengal	21,401
TOTAL	2,98,320

Recruitment of ED Employees

2996. SHRI LAL K. ADVANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether recruitment ban exists in respect of ED employees if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) whether fresh appointments have been made to fill up the vacant posts of ED employees, if so, their number in each of the last three years, if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir. The ED posts falling vacant due to promotion, retirement, death, resignation, dismissal, removal or deputation can now be filled up by Divisinonal Superintendents after reviewing the need for filling up of the posts.

(b) The appointments to ED posts where required were being made earlier with the prior approval of the Head of the Circle. As the appointments are made at the lower levels, no information is maintained at this end regarding number of appointments made.

Functioning of the Tirupati Telephone Exchange

2997. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present installed capacity, actual number of woking connections and present number of persons on the waiting list in different categories of Tirupati Telephone Exchange in Andhra Pradesh:

(b) by when the waiting lists are likely to be cleared; and

(c) whether Government propose to increase the capacity of the said exchange, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a)